



1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional)

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The Special Operations Enterprise



**Headquarters,
Department of
the Army
(HQDA)**



**United States
Special Operations
Command
(USSOCOM)**

**Combatant Command
(COCOM)**

**Theater Special
Operations Commands
(TSOCs)**



**Special Operations
Command Central
(SOCCENT)**



**Special Operations
Command Europe (SOCEUR)**



**Special Operations
Command Pacific (SOPAC)**



**Special Operations
Command South
(SOCSOUTH)**



**Special Operations
Command Korea (SOCKOR)**



**Special Operations
Command Africa (SOCAFR)**



**Special Operations
Command North
(SOCNORTH)**

Operational Control (OPCON) Service Components



**United
States
Army
Special
Operations
Command
(USASOC)**



**Marine Special
Operations Command
(MARSOC)**



**Navy Special
Warfare Command
(NAVSPEC-
WARCOM)**



**Air Force
Special
Operations Command
(AFSOC)**



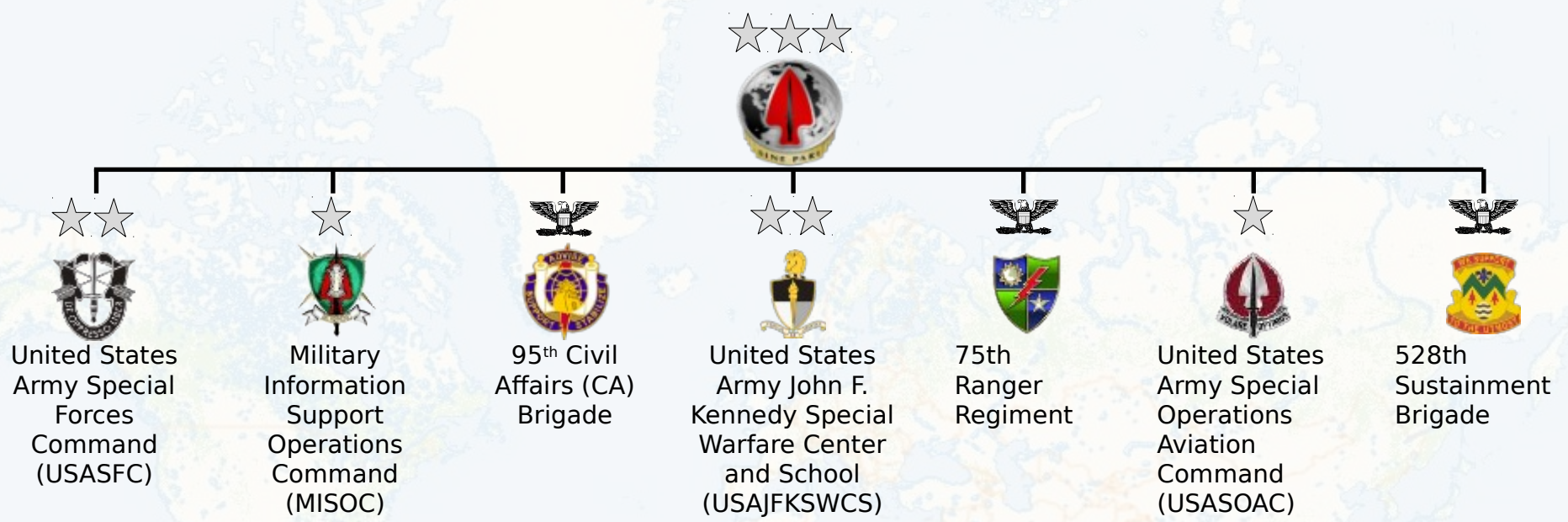
**Joint
Special
Operations Command
(JSOC)**

Established in 1989, USASOC is currently designated as an Army Service Component Command (ASCC) that generates and sustains Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) to conduct Special Operations across the range of military operations,

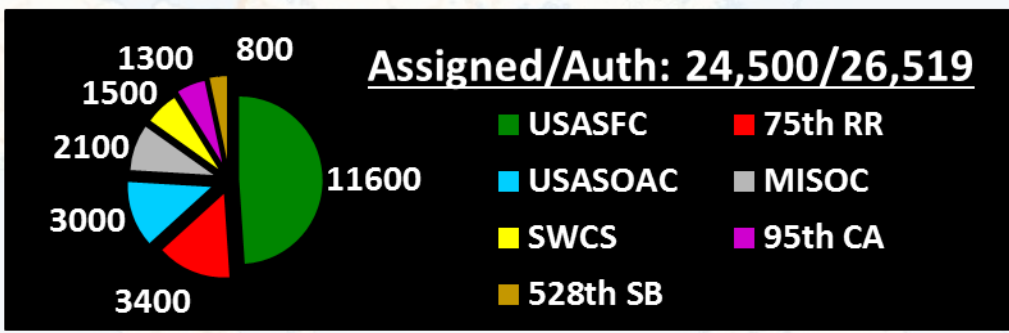
worldwide, in support of joint force commanders. Army Special Operations Forces comprise less than 6% of the Army, but over 51% of all Special Operations Forces.



USASOC Task Organization



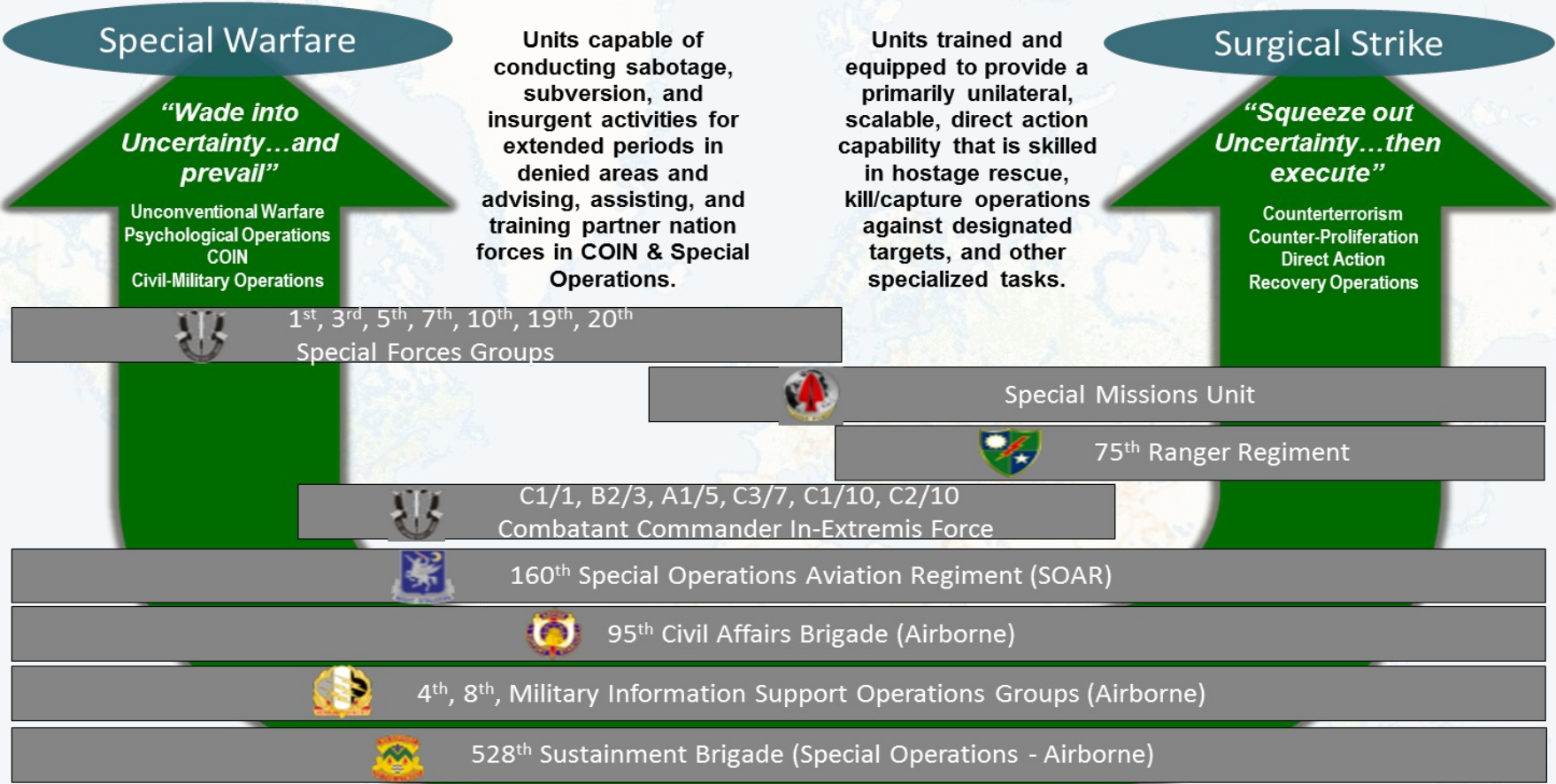
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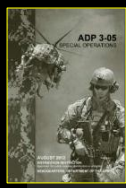


The USASOC Narrative

“Two Different but Mutually Supporting Forms of Special Operations”



ADP 3.05
August 2012



Focusing on complementary capabilities allows for better identification and development of the required knowledge, skills, attributes, and tools for each



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The Challenge



Former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** (CBS - Face the Nation, 27 JUL 2014)

"So, there are an awful lot of things that are going on that need understanding and explanation but to put it mildly, the world is a mess."



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Special Warfare Policy Options

Current Military Policy Options

Counter Terrorism (JIATF)



Conventional Warfare (JTF)



Aggression

Competition

Crisis

Special Warfare - The "Missing Middle"



Special Forces



Civil Affairs



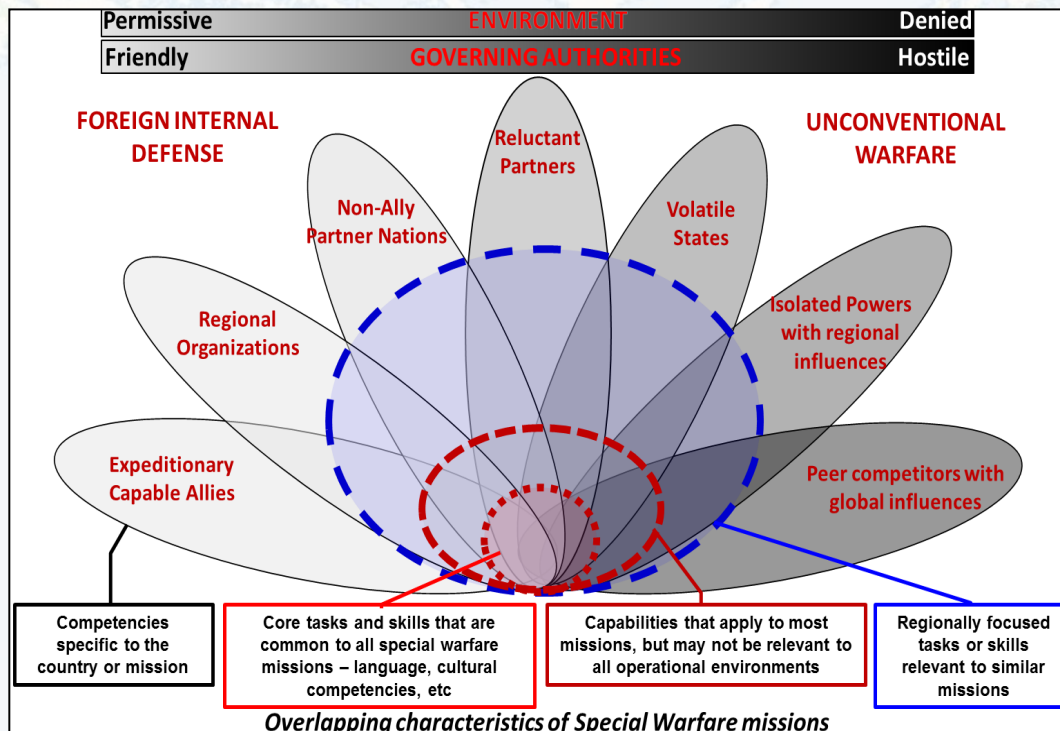
Military Information Support

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Special Warfare - "The Missing Middle"

"Execution of activities that involve a combination of lethal and nonlethal actions taken by a specially trained and educated force that has a deep understanding of cultures and foreign language, proficiency in small-unit tactics, and the ability to build and fight alongside indigenous combat formations in a permissive, uncertain, or hostile environment." (ADP 3-05 2012)



Bridges the gap between U.S. unilateral counter-terrorism efforts (limited long-term effects, high political risk) and the commitment of large-scale conventional forces (expensive; high political risk, internationally and domestically; and long-term commitment)

- Ultra-small conflicts/wars
- Low Visibility/Preparation of the Environment



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Adaptive Leaders Operating in the JI



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Creating the Global Network



Colombian Junglas

- 7th SFG(A) trained national police organization
- Relationship formalized in 2002
- Pivotal to U.S. counter-narcotic efforts in South America
- Currently assisting Honduran government with developing a counter-narcotics organization



Counter Boko Haram

- Combined 1/4 CAV and 10th SFG(A) effort
- Partnership with the Nigerian 143d Infantry Battalion
- Host-nation training focused on battalion-level planning and processes and basic rifle



Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF)

- Special Forces trained Iraqi counter-terrorism force
- Established in 2004
- Currently leading Iraq's counter ISIL efforts
- Primary U.S. conduit for applicable on-the-ground atmospheric and information in Iraq



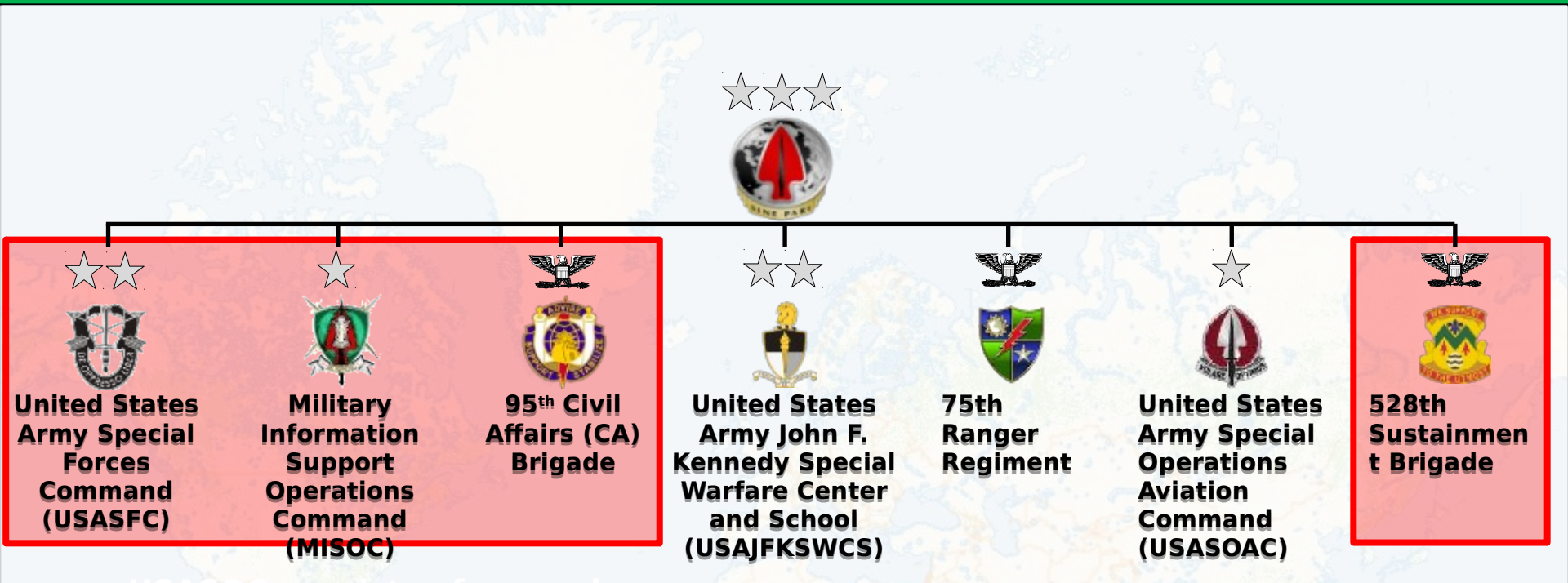
Philippine SOCOM

- 1st SFG(A) trained organization responsible for domestic counter-terrorism efforts
- Partnership solidified in 2002
- Key partner in combating the Al-Qaida affiliated Abu Sayyef Group
- Key international partner in South East Asia

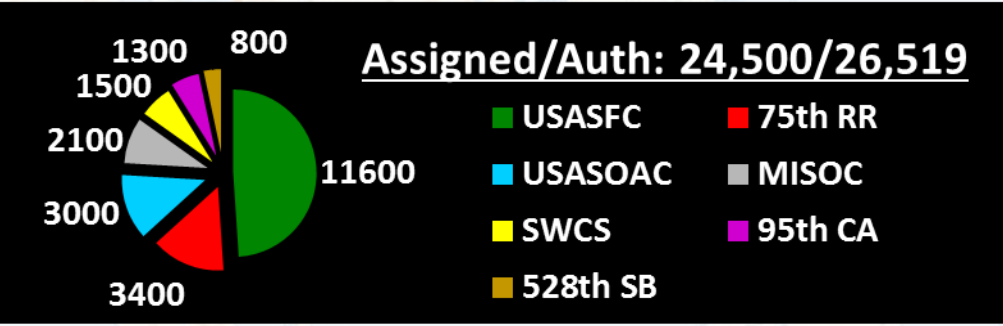




Reorganizing for the Future



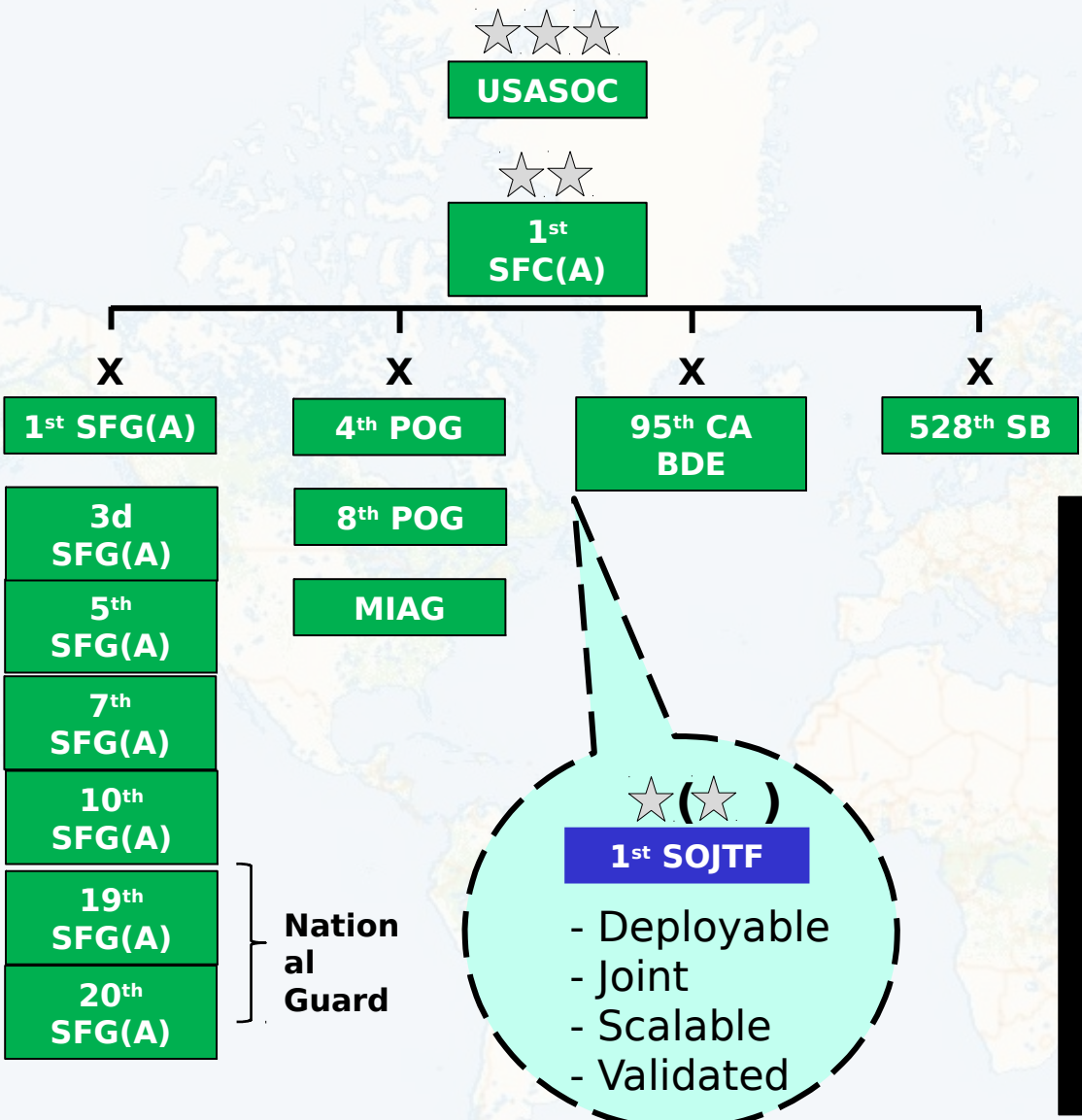
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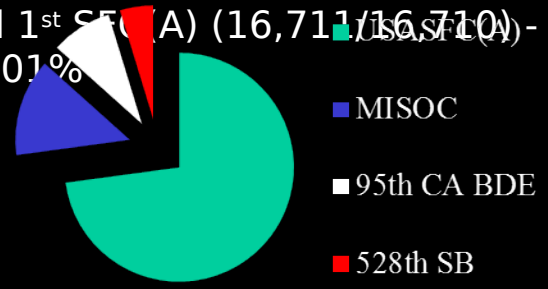


Key Changes

- Consolidates all Special Warfare focused units under one unified command
- Combines the MISOC and USASFC(A) headquarters
- Transitions Special Forces Command from a TDA unit to an MTOE unit

Current Unit Strength (Assigned/Authorized):

- USASFC(A) (12,175/11,745) - 103.66%
- MISOC (2,303/2,767) - 83.23%
- 95th CA (1,446/1,437) - 100.63%
- 528th SB (787/761) - 103.42%
- Total 1st SFC(A) (16,711/16,710) - 100.01%



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Reorganizing for the Future

4th BN, SFG (A) reorganized to provide the Theater Special Operations Commanders with increased Special Warfare mission command capability, persistent preparation of the environment, and associated Special Warfare tasks through a purpose-built, regionally-expert force.

4th BATTALION



**Transform
18 of 72
ODAs per
Group
into
smaller,
specialized
SW
units**



**Regional Support
Element**



**Special
Warfare
Planning
Detachment**



**Jedburghs
(SFOD-G)**

OFFICE OF SPECIAL WARFARE

- Staff Directorate
- Shepherd the transition
- Provide interagency linkage
- Provide purposeful management

ODAs will continue to provide the required capacity for large scale SW missions and other operational requirements for the Joint Force Commanders.



Meeting the Special Warfare demands of the Combatant Commanders while preserving the integrity of Special Forces Detachments



Globally Engaged

1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional)'s Global Presence:

- Average presence in ~53 countries annually
- Maintaining 2500+ deployed personnel
- Deployed formations range from singletons to Special Forces Group Headquarters





Discussion

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